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Linda Stein
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Dear Linda,

What a wonderful exhibition experience we have had with *Fluidity of Gender: Sculpture by Linda Stein!* It was a distinct pleasure to work with you and I am delighted to write in support of the exhibition and your efforts to engage in conversations about gender bias on college campuses.

From the moment the show opened, your sculptures and videos were a powerful draw for our students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public. The reception, a few days later, energized the exhibition even more when our advanced dance composition students were able to perform in the gallery. Most often, viewing art is a quiet exercise—touching the works is strictly forbidden. Those students spent hours of class time doing the just the opposite as they prepared and rehearsed how best to wear your sculpture while interpreting and communicating their response to issues of gender through movement and dance. Their polished performance belied how challenging the task was for them at the outset.

I am always pleased to see faculty engaged in our exhibitions by holding classes, first-year seminars, and discussion groups in the gallery. *Fluidity of Gender* certainly filled my expectations. Besides theatre & dance, the show was robustly used by various other departments—women's studies, art history, studio art, education, philosophy, and campus-wide common hour programming.

The icing on the cake, so to speak, was your thought-provoking talk *The Chance to be Brave, the Courage to Dare*. You delivered a comprehensive overview of gender bias issues in an educational and informative style that was warm and accessible. You beautifully incorporated recognizable pop-culture, humor, and personal experiences that thoroughly engaged the audience.

A video will be mailed to you shortly of the interview that TV2 Valley View taped during the reception. Additionally, the footage taped by our public relations department has been posted on the Martin Art Gallery webpage and Facebook.

Best regards,

Kathryn Burke
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